

## Clean Up Portland Harbor

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**Letter**

Dr. Ms. McCarthy, The proposed cleanup of the Port and Harbor is a big win for industry and a bad deal for the public. EPA's cleanup proposal tackles just 8% of a site area that is 100% toxic. A more aggressive plan is needed to prevent even more harm to human health and the environment. On behalf of a people who rely on the river for food, recreation, employment and culture, I urge the EPA to implement a plan that: Moves quickly and sustainably reduces contaminants causing harm to Wampanoag and Coos Bay River resources. Includes ongoing monitoring and cleanup upriver and downriver from the site. Contributes to healthy fish that are safe to eat for a people. Holds polluters accountable for creating a safer Port and Harbor. These elements get us closer to the plan our communities deserve. And I deserve a clean, safe Port and Harbor. \*Submitted during the comment period between June 9, 2016 to August 8, 2016 regarding the EPA's Port and Harbor Feasibility Study and Proposed Plan.

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This proposal doesn't address safe disposal of dredging materials, near the scope of the areas affected, the level of PCBs that will continue to persist in the environment and the communities that have been sustained by the river. The assets of the polluters could more than enough afford to do the necessary cleanup of the industrial sewer that they have made of the river that is a common resource for all and the future.